considerable time to make their report. Since then the report has been sent to the Dewan Peishkar. As soon as it is received we will have the question taken up.

There are great difficulties in the way of investing the municipality with powers to deal or interfere with the control of traffic by the Police, thus breaking continuity. It means dual responsibility and as you know when two bodies have equal rights each leaves the attendant duties to the other and nothing gets done. So it is best that one body controls the traffic. I shall ask the Commissioner of Police about the complaints you make and see whether he cannot post more policemen there to improve traffic conditions in Neyyattinkara.

As for removing toddy and arrack shops in the municipality, I think it would be better to wait and see how the experiment of local option fares at Changanachery. It should not be long before we can come to a decision.

I do not know whether you make the last representation as municipal council member of Neyyattinkara. As regards the transfer of judicial and executive officers there is a phrase which epitomises the many difficulties the Government labour under in the posting and transfer of officers—"the exigencies of the public service." You cannot have a hard and fast rule in the matter and I can assure you that transfers and postings are always very carefully considered.

There are about five pages of notes about the establishment of a First Class Magistrate's Court at Neyyattinkara. That shows that it is engaging the attention of all concerned and that it has not been lost sight of.

117. Needs of the Trivandrum town.

MR V. SANKARA MENON (*Member, Municipal Council, Trivandrum*) dealt with the following needs of the Trivandrum town:

The proposed Sanskrit College road should be extended to the road on the eastern side of the Parthivapuram Puthanar. The extension was sure to be a very useful one.

A new road should be opened from the Ayiranimuttom road *via* Singarathope lane so as to connect it with the main road at Ayiranimuttom hospital.

A English Middle School should be opened at Manakad. Manakad was far away from the schools in the town. Children found it very difficult to walk all the way from there to the Vanchiyoor school or to the Girl's School.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sankara Menon, the Chief Engineer is of the same opinion as yourself in regard to the extension of the road from the Sanskrit College road to the road on the eastern side of the Parthivapuram canal. The Chief Engineer is of opinion that it will be a useful one as you just said. He is having an estimate prepared; and I am waiting to see it and find out what it will cost and whether people are going to help in the matter of lands or whether lands will have to be acquired.

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MEMBER: Lands will be given free by the people concerned.

DEWAN: I will ask the Chief Engineer to hurry up the question.

As regards the Ayranimuttam road, that is a point on which the Chief Engineer is not in a position to express an opinion as he has not investigated the question. I will ask him to investigate the matter.

Then, you want an English Middle School at Manakkad. I do not think Manakkad is so very far away from Vanchiyoor. I do not think it will be possible to provide an English school for every pakuthi. I shall have the matter referred to the Director of Public Instruction for investigation.

118. Needs of the Attingal municipal council.

Mr. MALUK MAHOMED ABDUL KHADIR (*Member, Municipal Council, Attingal*) said that the hospital at Chirayinkil should be shifted to Attingal, the head-quarters of the taluk. If this was not possible, a new hospital should be established at the place with an Assistant Surgeon and a female assistant. The need for a hospital at Attingal could not be met by having a hospital at Chirayinkil. Nor would the mission hospital at Attingal meet the purpose. For one thing there were many people who were too poor to buy medicines. A Sirkar hospital was the only relief to such people.

A satrom should be established at Attingal. The money spent on this work could be recovered by collecting rent from wealthy travellers and from officers on circuit. Attingal had become a very busy place. It was the halting place of several service cars and buses plying in different directions. The need for a satrom was hence very imperative.

A senior Police Inspector should be posted at Attingal. For some time past a Head Constable was holding charge of the Inspector's duties. The present incumbent of the place was besides not a very upright officer. It was high time therefore that a senior Inspector was appointed at the place.

The road on either side of the Mamam bridge should be widened for about two furlongs so as to facilitate the passage of motor cars and other vehicles. The bridge itself which was in a dilapidated condition should be demolished and re-built.

A bridge should be built at the Kollampuzha *Kadavu*, about a mile to the south of Attingal. There was now a ferry at the place. The pupils of the English High School and the Malayalam School at Attingal and a number of pupils coming from Kadakavoor, Nilakkmukku, Vakkom and other places were encountering great difficulty in crossing the river at this place.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Maluk Mahomed Abdul Khadir, as regards the hospital at Attingal, there is a Mission Hospital there and there is a hospital at Chirayinkil within 4 miles from there. I will ask the Administrative Board, Medical Services, whether they would arrange

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